



Huron County Council Minutes - July 8, 2009

Eighth Session

GODERICH, ONTARIO



**EIGHTH SESSION
HURON COUNTY COUNCIL**

Goderich, Ontario.
July 8th, 2009.

Huron County Council met in the Council Chambers on Wednesday July 8th, 2009.

Warden Oke called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Chief Administrative Officer Adams called the roll and all members were present except for Councillors J. Bezaire, J. Grace and B. Siemon. Councillor B. Dowson arrived at 9:05 a.m. and Councillor T. Collyer left the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Warden K. Oke welcomed the members to the Session. He reviewed the Warden's report for the month of June. Some of the highlights from that report were the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) conference. Warden Oke advised that if everyone participated in the "buy local" it would put our country into a full depression. It could have devastating effects on our agricultural industry. Among the other items in his report Warden Oke advised he accepted the last grader off the line from the local Volvo plant. This grader will be in the County of Huron's possession for the next ten years as a gesture of good will from Volvo after they have closed their operations in Goderich in June of 2009. The County Picnic showed a good representation from staff and a few members of County Council.

Warden Oke introduced Page Kasie Da Silva to the Eighth Session of County Council. Kasie has recently completed Grade 6 at Exeter Public School.

MOTION: 98-09

Moved by: Councillor B. MacLellan and Seconded by: Councillor N. Vincent:

THAT:

The minutes of the previous sessions being; the Seventh Session of June 3rd and the Special Session of June 16th, 2009, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS:

There were no petitions and deputations scheduled for this session of County Council.

COUNCILLOR ISSUES:

Councillor B. Dykstra announced his intention to run for the Warden of Huron County for 2010.

Councillor Dykstra highlighted the plight of hog farmers in Ontario over the past five years. He indicated that hog prices today are at an all-time low. He recommended a Motion be considered by this Council to appeal to the Governments of Ontario and Canada to become more involved with the hog farmers in Ontario as they try to survive the financial crises their industry finds itself in today.

Councillor Van Diepenbeek requested that beef farmers be included in this Motion.

MOTION: 99-09

Moved by: Councillor B. Dykstra and Seconded by: Councillor B. Dowson:

THAT:

The Council of Huron County direct staff to contact the Federal Minister of Agriculture & Agri-Food; the Honourable Gerry Ritz and the Provincial Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs; the Honourable Leona Dombrowsky, appealing to them to become more involved and to petition more support to the beef and hog farmers of Ontario.

CARRIED

Following the approval of this Motion, Councillor Shewfelt suggested that those members of Huron County Council planning to attend the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) conference in Ottawa; request to meet with the Provincial Minister of Agriculture Food and Rural Affairs, the Honourable Leona Dombrowsky. County of Huron has lost the Volvo plant recently and some action is needed now to support the beef and hog farmers particularly in Huron County.

Councillor Vincent advised that both the Federal and Provincial Agricultural Ministers are meeting at Niagara on the Lake in the near future. There are buses organized to attend this event. This would be a good opportunity to speak out on behalf of agriculture.

CORRESPONDENCE:

CAO Adams highlighted the correspondence from the SW LHIN. Members of the public are given an opportunity to attend the public forums that will have an "open house" format. The purpose of the community sessions is to update the LHIN's three-year Integrated Health Service Plan.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

The report of the Board of Health dated June 10th, 2009 was presented.

Councillor Van Diepenbeek questioned the amount of funding lost from the Ministry of Health Promotion for the cancellation of the Smoke-Free Ontario Strategy. Warden Oke advised him the loss of funding is \$115,000.

MOTION: 100-09

Moved by: Councillor N. Vincent and Seconded by Councillor J. Dietrich:

THAT:

The Board of Health Report be received and will appear in the printed minutes as Report No. 30.

CARRIED

The report of the Committee of the Whole – Day 1 dated June 10th, 2009 was presented.

MOTION: 101-09

Moved by: Councillor D. Kelly and Seconded by: Councillor J. Fergusson:

THAT:

The Committee of the Whole – Day 1 Report be adopted as presented and will appear in the printed minutes as Report No. 31.

CARRIED

The report of the Library Board dated June 16th, 2009 was presented.

MOTION: 102-09

Moved by: Councillor G. Robertson and Seconded by: Councillor N. Rintoul:

THAT:

The Library Board Report be received and will appear in the printed Minutes as Report 32.

CARRIED

Councillor Van Diepenbeek advised an individual with World War II artifacts is willing to give them to the Huron County Museum. Director of Cultural Services Beth Ross advised that she has sent Mr. McGee a letter advising there is currently no room to put the artifacts on display in the Huron County Museum; however the County would accept his collection at any time as it is Huron heritage. The Huron County Museum is currently undergoing a facility study for storage. Mr. McGee's artifacts have already been on display as a temporary exhibit. A suggestion to combine the display with the Sky Harbour Gallery was discussed.

MOTION: 103-09

Moved by: Councillor D. Shewfelt and Seconded by: Councillor VanDiepenbeek:

THAT:

The Director of Cultural Services be directed to prepare a Report for the next Committee of the Whole Day 2 including suggestions of what to do with the offer of the World War II collection.

CARRIED

The report of the Committee of the Whole Council – Day 2 dated June 16th, 2009 was presented.

MOTION: 104-09

Moved by: Councillor B. Dowson and Seconded by: Councillor D. Kelly:

THAT:

The Committee of the Whole – Day 2 Report be adopted as presented and will appear in the printed minutes as Report No. 33.

CARRIED

Warden Oke gave members of staff an opportunity to bring Council up to date on any issues they may have. The Director of Cultural Services Beth Ross reminded Council of the Huron County Art Show on Sunday July 19th, at 2:00 p.m. at the Huron County Museum. Everyone is welcome.

Director of Public Work Dave Laurie requested an amendment to the June 3rd minutes on Page 5; be shown as the Ethel Line, rather than the Krauter Line. The Ethel Bridge is now open and he inquired if Council would like to see an official opening of the bridge.

Director of Human Resources Darcy Michaud advised Council that the Sick Time Policy is a work in progress. There are seven unions that must be considered when drafting the policy for Council to consider. It is Director Michaud's intention to have something in place by January 2010. An Attendance Management Program will also come forward at that time.

MOTION: 105-09

Moved by: Councillor D. Shewfelt and Seconded by: Councillor D. Kelly:
THAT:

The Council of Huron County will meet to hear the presentations from the various departments for the Service Delivery Review on the following dates:

Wednesday September 23rd, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Wednesday September 30th, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

CARRIED

INQUIRIES:

There were no inquiries.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Director of Public Works Laurie "walked in" two reports with recommendations to award paving contracts for County Road 14 & 19 and County Road 10.

MOTION: 106-09

Moved by: Councillor D. Kelly and Seconded by: Councillor B. MacLellan:

THAT:

The tender for paving County Road 14 & 19; be awarded to Lavis Contracting Company Limited for Contract HC 09-304 for the tendered price of \$2,544,096.45 (excluding GST);

AND FURTHER THAT:

An additional \$100,000 be allocated for asphalt cement, contingencies and County related costs in order to complete the project;

AND FURTHER THAT:

An interest free loan be made available to County of Perth until March 31st, 2009.

CARRIED

MOTION: 107-09

Moved by: Councillor J. Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor M. Scott:

THAT:

The tender for paving County Road 10; be awarded to Lavis Contracting Company Limited for Contract HC 09-305 for the tendered price of \$836,769.25 (excluding GST);

AND FURTHER THAT:

An additional \$75,000 be allocated for asphalt cement, contingencies and County related costs in order to complete the project.

CARRIED

Director of Public Works Laurie presented for Council's consideration a request from the Township of North Huron; for approval to close County Road 4 through the Town of Wingham for Sidewalk Sale Days.

MOTION: 108-09

Moved by: Councillor D. Johnston and Seconded by: Councillor N. Vincent:

THAT:

The County of Huron approve the request from the Township of North Huron to close County Road 4 (Josephine Street) from Victoria Street to Patrick Street in the Town of Wingham as follows:

Thursday July 23rd from 8:30 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.;

Friday July 24th from 8:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.;

Saturday July 25th from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. for Side Walk Sale Days.

CARRIED

There was a brief discussion regarding where the municipality would move 5,000 vehicles that go through Wingham per day over a weekend in the summer months. Director Laurie assured Council that the Director of Public Works for North Huron advised there will be additional signage during this event and that this detour route will be needed for the Town of Wingham's water and sewer improvements in 2010 through the downtown.

MOTIONS:

MOTION: 109-09

Moved by: Councillor B. MacLellan and Seconded by: Councillor B. Dykstra:

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approve the direction given to staff in the Closed to the Public Session held on July 7th, 2009.

CARRIED

MOTION: 110-09

Moved by: Councillor D. Kelly and Seconded by: Councillor J. Dietrich:

THAT:

A vote of appreciation be extended to Kasie Da Silva, for acting as Page at the Session of Council today.

CARRIED

Kasie Da Silva expressed her thanks to County Council for the opportunity to act as Page for the Eighth Session of County Council.

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD:

There were no questions from the public.

BY-LAWS:

Mike Alcock, Civil Engineering Technologist and Intern Cameron Robertson from the Planning & Development Department used digital mapping to present the various speed limits on Huron County Roads. Several examples were provided for Council's information. By-law No. 11-2009 was considered at the June 3rd Session. It was introduced and given first and second readings at that time.

MOTION: 111-09

Moved by: Councillor M. Demaray and Seconded by: Councillor J. Dietrich:

THAT:

By-law No. 11-2009, be given a third reading in accordance with Part 7 of the Procedural By-law for the County of Huron, Section 25, Subsection 2.

CARRIED

MOTION: 112-09

Moved by: Councillor B. Dykstra and Seconded by: Councillor D. Johnston:

THAT:

By-law No. 11-2009, as read a third time, be passed, signed by the Warden and the Clerk, and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto.

CARRIED

MOTION: 113-09

Moved by: Councillor D. Kelly and Seconded by: Councillor J. Ferguson:

THAT:

Leave be given to introduce the following By-laws:

By-law No. 13-2009; being a By-law to establish rules of order, regulations and procedures for the Council and Committee of the Corporation of the County of Huron;

By-law No. 14-2009 to authorize the Warden and the Clerk to sign an Agreement with the Corporation of the City of Quinte West.

CARRIED

MOTION: 114-09

Moved by: Councillor B. Dowson and Seconded by: Councillor M. Demaray:

THAT:

By-law No. 13-2009 be given a first and second reading.

CARRIED

MOTION: 115-09

Moved by: Councillor J. Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor B. Dykstra:

THAT:

By-law No. 13-2009, as read a first and second time, be passed.

CARRIED

MOTION: 116-09

Moved by: Councillor D. Johnston and Seconded by: Councillor N. Rintoul:

THAT:

By-law No. 13-2009, be given a third reading in accordance with Part 7 of the Procedural By-law for the County of Huron, Section 25, Subsection 2.

CARRIED

MOTION: 117-09

Moved by: Councillor G. Robertson and Seconded by: Councillor M. Scott:

THAT:

By-law No. 13-2009, as read a third time, be passed, signed by the Warden and the Clerk, and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto.

CARRIED

MOTION: 118-09

Moved by: Councillor N. Rintoul and Seconded by: Councillor G. Robertson:

THAT:

By-law No. 14-2009, be given a first and second reading.

CARRIED

MOTION: 119-09

Moved by: Councillor M. Scott and Seconded by: Councillor J. Seili:

THAT:

By-law No. 14-2009, as read a first and second time, be passed.

CARRIED

MOTION: 120-09

Moved by: Councillor Shewfelt and Seconded by: Councillor VanDiepenbeek:

THAT:

By-law No. 14-2009, be given a third reading in accordance with Part 7 of the Procedural By-law for the County of Huron, Section 25, Subsection 2.

CARRIED

MOTION: 121-09

Moved by: Councillor N. Vincent and Seconded by: Councillor B. MacLellan:

THAT:

By-law No. 14-2009, as read a third time, be passed, signed by the Warden and the Clerk, and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto.

CARRIED

MOTION: 122-09

Moved by: Councillor J. Dietrich and Seconded by: Councillor J. Seili:

THAT:

County Council do now adjourn at 11:10 a.m. to meet on Wednesday September 2nd, 2009 or at the call of the Warden and Clerk.

CARRIED

The Session closed with the singing of O Canada.

Warden Ken Oke

Clerk Barbara L. Wilson